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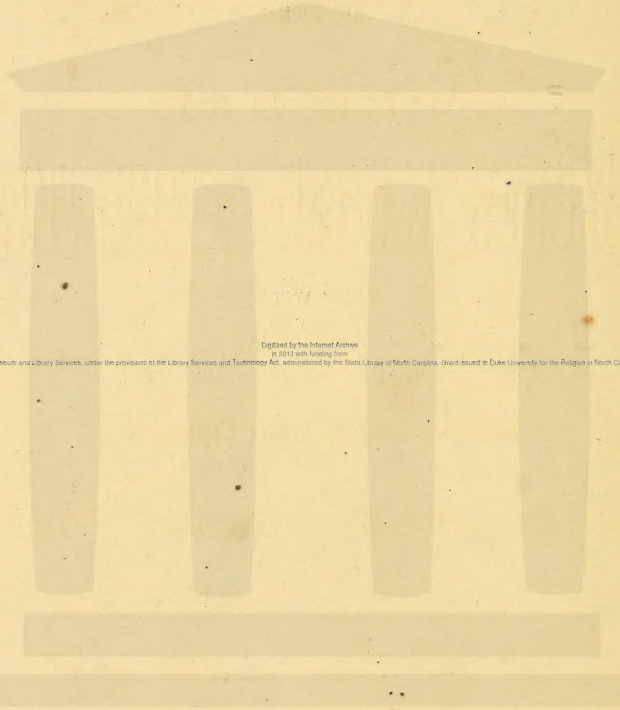

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On motion, the Buffalo Spring church, constituted by Rev. S W. Dockery and Rev. A. Covington, was received by letter.

Nashville church, constituted by Rev. R. Covington and P. Graves, was received by letter.

Rockingham church, constituted by Revs. R. Covington and A. Covington, was received by letter.

Belford church, constituted by Revs. E. V. Reade and H. McEntire, was received by letter, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

On motion of Rev. S. W. Dockery, a committee of five was appointed on devotional exercises, as follows: S. W. Dockery, A. Johnson, W. M. Elerbe, Henry Monroe and Pinkney Bowden.

The house then adjourned one hour for dinner, which was bountifully prepared by the sisters and friends of the community.

Afternoon Session.

The hour having arrived, the house was called to order.

Sung hymn 1238.

Prayer by S. W. Dockery. The roll was then called.

After which, on motion, Elder R. Covington delivered a speech on Foreign Missions. His speech was interesting, and was followed by Rev. P. Graves and several others.

On motion, a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions which amounted to $5.00.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows, which was adopted:

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

Meet at 9½ o'clock, adjourn at 12; meet at 1½ o'clock, adjourn at pleasure. Preaching at night by Elder E. Baldwin.

On motion of W. H. Woodard, a committee of five was appointed on Finance, as follows: Calvin Dockery, J. F. Brower, Henry Monroe, W. M. Elerbe and Frank Allen.

On motion, the Association agreed to give Rev. R. Covington $12.50 for preaching at Rockingham church.

The house then adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Calvin Dockery. Benediction by the Moderator.

Night Session.

Met at night. A sermon was preached by Elder Baldwin. Text, Joel, 2d chap., 1st verse.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Moderator called the house to order. Sung hymn 627.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren.

On motion of W. M. Elerbe, Rev. A. Covington was appointed to give as much of his time as possible to the Missionary work in the Association bounds.

On motion of J. W. McLauchlin, the Association was called on to mourn the loss of sister Lucy McNeill, who departed this life in the month of September, aged 71 years. She had lived a faithful member of the Spring Branch church 51 years.

The house then adjourned, after singing hymn 535.

Prayer by Rev. P. Graves.

Afternoon Session.

The time having arrived, the house was called to order by the Moderator after singing hymn 1276.

The roll being called, the following resolution was offered by W. H. Woodard, which was adopted:

Whereas, The Pee Dee and Zion Associations are both small,

Be it resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed from this Association to meet with the Zion Association, which will be in session one week from to-day, to see if both bodies can be consolidated into one, to give power to the Baptist cause in this part of the State, and to better develop and strengthen the ministerial rank, and that S. W. Dockery, W. M. Elerbe, Sandy Brown, Alexander Dockery, Rev. E. Baldwin, J. W. McLauchlin and W. H. Woodard constitute said committee.

On motion, Rev. S. W. Dockery was appointed delegate to the State Convention, and this Association agreed to give twelve dollars to pay his expenses.

On motion, Rev. S. W. Dockery was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The house then adjourned to meet with the Laurinburg church Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1882, at 10 o'clock A. M. Elder D. Camble was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

Night Session.

Met at night. A sermon was preached by Rev. C. Camble. Text 25th chap. Matthew, 46th verse.

SUNDAY MORNING.

A large congregation assembled at the stand. The Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. S. W. Dockery. Text 1st Tim., 1st chap., 15th verse. Closed by Rev. A. Covington. Sung hymn 385.

A collection was then taken up which amounted to $14.10.

The house then adjourned one hour for dinner, which was largely and beautifully prepared.

After which a sermon was preached by Elder R. Covington. Text Isaiah, 30th chap., 1st verse.

Preaching at night by Rev. P. Graves. Text, Matthew, 10th chap. 7th verse.

The following are the names of the Churches, Pastors and Post Offices:

Lilesville—Pastor, S W. Dockery; Post Office, Rockingham, N. C; No. of members, 56; Church Clerk, Robt. Liles, Lilesville, N. C.

Saron—Pastor, G. B. Mason, Rockingham N. C.; No. of members, 175; Clerk, Anthony Hines, Caple's Mills, N. C.

Holly Grove—Pastor, G. B Mason; No. of members 147; Clerk, Pinkney Green, Rockingham, N. C.

Spring Branch—Pastor, S W. Dockery; No. of members, 269; Clerk, R. S. Livingston, Mount Pelure.

Salmon Creek—Pastor, S. W. Dockery; No. of members, 33; Clerk, J. F. Brower, Rockingham, N. C.

Laurinburg—Pastor, D. Camble, Laurenburg, N. C.; No of members, 38; Clerk, A. Johnson.

Bethlehem—Pastor, E. V. Read, Cheraw, S. C.; Clerk, H. McLain, Laurenburg, N. C.

Nashville—Pastor, W. Dockery; No. of members, 18; Clerk, Manuel Johnson, Laurenburg, N. C.

Rockingham—Pastor, R. Covington; No. of members, 9; Clerk, W. H. Woodard, Rockingham, N. C.

Buffalo Springs—Pastor, M. C. McMillon, Shoe Heel, N. C.; No. of members 29; Clerk, Alex. Pussell, Shoe Heel, N. C.

Belford—Pastor, H. McEntire, Shoe Heel, N. C.; No of members, 31; Clerk, Harrison McEntire, Shoe Heel, N C.

Done by order of the Association.

S. W. DOCKERY, *Clerk.*

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Body shall be denominated and known as the Pee Dee Colored Baptist Association.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this object shall be in strict accordance with the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members *ex officio.*

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, chosen annually by ballot. A plurality of votes shall constitute an election, and they shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce and observe the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on subjects under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each Annual Session, and superintend the printing of the Minutes and their distribution.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session through delegates, and if the Association consents to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XI. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XII. The annual sessions of this body shall be held at such place and times as will be considered most expedient.

ART. XIII. By the appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each annual session the Introductory and Missionary sermons.

ART. XIV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Approved and adopted on Saturday, September 10th, 1870, at Cartledge's Creek, Richmond county, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM.

I. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association; of him punctuality, gravity and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association by prayer to God, or call upon some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof, and decide between contending claims. He should never speak in debate except on important questions, and then not until he has given others a fair opportunity to give their views and appointed some other member to the chair. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he may deem it necessary.

II. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

III. The members of the Association shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that great Being whose cause they should all labor to support. All invective should be carefully avoided by members while speaking, and those who are not speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct as is calculated to throw odium on the speaker, or to interrupt his chain of thought or good feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No member may withdraw without permission from the Moderator, nor speak on any one question longer than six minutes at a time without permission from the house. "Let all things be done decently and in order." I. Cor., 14th chap., 40th verse.